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LOG NOTE of Chief, Near East/Asia/Africa Division

MOSLEM WORLD COVERAGE--In response to the latest high-level interest in improving our coverage of the Moslem areas of South Asia, today we placed orders with OCR/AB for subscriptions to 6 Urdu-, 1 Sindhi- and two English-language dailies from Pakistan and 4 Bengali- and 2 English-language dailies from Bangladesh. Two Urdu-language dailies and 2 English-language dailies from Pakistan are to be procured by direct air mail. We also alerted Admin Staff to be on the lookout for qualified applicants in these languages. JPRS is also checking into the possibility of using one of their contractors to scan the foreign language papers on order until the time when we have our own capability. In the meantime NEAAD will step up its exploitation of the English press of these countries.

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